

DATE: December, 2005

TO: Authorized Representative/Food Service Director

FROM: Dean Flaws, Commodities Consultant

SUBJECT: 6D (Jan.) Release

PLEASE ROUTE TO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. **6D Order Form.** Enclosed in this mailing you will find the forth Commodity Order form for the 2005-06 school year. The forth shipment of commodities is being planned to start the week of Jan. 3, 2006. The delivery cycle takes approx. 5 weeks.
2. **Internet Ordering** is available for 6D. Go to the Internet address: www.edinfo.state.ia.us, and enter your ID and password on the screen. Then click the submit button. **CLICK** Commodities on the Application menu screen. Now you have two options: General Information or Commodity Order Form. Select Commodity Order Form and click the GO button. Instruction booklets and videos are available by calling this office.
3. **Deletions for 6C:**
 - a.) Mozz. String cheese in the Sioux City warehouse (out of NFD milk Inventory).
4. **Anticipated Dates when Commodity order form will be up and on the web:**

6A	Aug/Sept. Delivery	May 13 (Done)
6B	October Delivery	Sept. 2 (Done)
6C	Nov./Dec. Delivery	Oct. 10 (Done)
6D	January Delivery	Dec. 2
6E	Feb./Mar. Delivery	Jan 16
6F	April Delivery	March 2
5. **Deliveries short/damaged:** When commodities arrive at your school, the product unloaded should be carefully counted and checked to make sure you are receiving the correct amounts. If you discover a shortage or any damage, make sure the driver makes a note on the warehouse release and initials it. **You must have a driver's signature indicating a problem on your delivery, before adjustment can be made on your billing.**
6. **Green Beans** – Replacement product has been sent by the Allen Company to be offered in 6C for those schools in the Mason City and Sioux City warehouse areas. You may dispose of the bad tasting and smelling green beans you have received in September. The green beans in the Des Moines warehouse were okay.

7. **The Reduced Fat Blended cheese slice (#317) was also found to be of poor quality (some cases).**
The problem is the lactose and moisture breakdown of the product which causes the cheese to look gritty or glass-like (crystal or sparkly). The product is not a health threat, it is just a poor quality product. You may dispose of this product and if you want replacement call the plant manager at Bongaards Creameries in Minnesota. His name is Brent Jewett, plant manager, and his phone number is 952-466-3542 the code number affected cases are 36019 and 10132-5.
8. **Iowa Food and Distribution Program.** If you need additional information, commodity values, or forms for the Commodity Food Distribution programs, please visit our web site at: <http://www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/fn/commdist/>.
9. **This is a reminder** that schools who have contracts with storage facilities must review the facility annually, in compliance with Federal regulation 7 CFR Part 250.14©. A storage review form may be obtained from this office. Be sure documentation is maintained on file at your school to reflect compliance with this requirement. This document may be obtained at the bureau website @ www.state.ia.us/educate/ecese/fn/commdist/documents
10. **The Commodity Food Program** in Iowa and all around the nation are experiencing escalating costs in transportation and fuel. We are trying to keep costs down currently but we do expect some increases in the future. We are trying to keep our current pricing structure the same for this school year (05-06) with expected increases in costs for the 2006-2007 school year.
11. **The State of Iowa has sent NFD milk** to the GAGE Company, Café Favorites, Eastside Entrees and Schrieber Cheese Company. If you receive products from these venders, talk to your local distributor to see if you can purchase any food items with NFD milk in them, at a discounted price or a rebate.
12. **Be sure to check temperatures** of your storage areas (dry, refrigerated, and freezer) during the holiday seasons. It doesn't take long for some food products to go out of condition if it isn't noticed immediately.
- 15 Please return the **“Emergency Contact Information” form** that was distributed in your last commodity newsletter mailing. We need to update all schools contact information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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